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## MEMBERS OF THE LAKE COUNTY OPIOID INITIATIVE ARE HOSTING A COUNTY-WIDE FORUM

(Lake County, IL May 21, 2014) Lake County State's Attorney Michael G. Nerheim announced that on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 a County-Wide forum will take place at the College of Lake County, Grayslake Campus, Lower Level Auditorium C005 from 5pm to 9pm. The forum will serve to inform community leaders, members, educators, treatment providers, and the public about the prevention and treatment of heroin and opiates addiction. In light of the heroin and opiate problem that is affecting Lake County, questions will be answered as they relate to heroin and prescription medication, risks and signs of opiate use in youth and adults, how to cope when you feel your loved one is using opiates, as well as the solutions that Lake County is pursuing to combat the opioid epidemic.

A group of professional panelists will be available to answer questions.

### The panelists include:

- Jack Riley, Special Agent in Charge, DEA Chicago Division
- Mark C. Curran Jr., Lake County Sheriff
- Chief George Filenko, Round Lake Park Police Department
- Dr. Adam Rubinstein, Advocate Condell Medical Center
- Chairman Aaron Lawlor, Lake County Board
- Andy Duran, LEAD

- Dr. Mary Roberson, NICASA Behavioral Services
- Testimonials from individuals and family members impacted by the opioid issue.

Providers will be available with resource tables beginning at 5pm. Those include:

- Lake County Sheriff's Office
- Lake County State's Attorney's Office
- Nicasa Behavioral Services
- Lake County Underage Drinking and Drug Prevention Taskforce
- Live4Lali
- Aware
- Capt. James A. Lovell Federal Healthcare Center
- Antioch Recovery Club
- Stop Overdose IL
- Rosecrance

The Lake County Opioid Initiative was co-founded by State's Attorney Michael G. Nerheim, Chelsea Laliberte, Executive Director of Live4Lali, Bruce Johnson, Chief Executive Officer of NICASA Behavioral Health Services, Chief George Filenko of the Round Lake Park Police Department and Commander of the Lake County Major Crimes Taskforce, Kathleen Kane-Willis, Director, Illinois Consortium on Drug Policy at Roosevelt University and Stephanie Schmitz-Bechteler. The Lake County Opioid Initiative is comprised of members from law enforcement, first responders, treatment providers, local hospitals, school districts, faith based members and government officials. The task force continues working on the strategic plan for the initiation of services for the drug problem affecting Lake County. The goal is to come together as a community, analyze the challenges, and formulate preventative solutions.

Their mission is to develop, implement, evaluate and sustain a multi-strategy county wide effort to prevent opioid abuse, addition, overdose and death.

For more information please contact Cynthia Vargas at (847) 377-3188.



# COUNTY-WIDE FORUM Do you have questions about opioids?

A panel of professionals will be answering questions. Join us on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 to hear our panelists:

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Please attend this free forum to learn about opiates such as heroin and prescription medication, risks and signs of opiate use in youth and adults, how to cope when you feel your loved one is using opiates, and the solutions that Lake County is pursuing to combat the opioid epidemic.

When: Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Where: College of Lake County Grayslake Campus, Lower Level C005

Time: Resource Tables available at 5:00pm

Panelists: 6:00pm to 8:00pm For more information contact: Cynthia Vargas at (847) 377-3188



















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